

Gentlemen:

I would like for you to take a moment, and put yourself in my position. I am a professional tractor trailer driver. Part of my job is to make my deliveries as efficiently as possible. This process is greatly enhanced by my xm satalite system which provides instant traffic and weather. All I have to do is touch one button on my receiver, and I am instantly connected to traffic and weather in the area where I am making my delivery. This instant information can mean the difference between a delivery made on time and one that is going to be late, which cost money, instead of waiting for a load of commercials to run before the information is released. My subscription to xm satalite radio is one of the few bills that I do not mind paying. It skips the commercials that I would have to weave through to get to the information that I need.

I also spend quite a bit of time in the rig, and the other programing that xm satalite radio provides really makes for a pleasant ride dispite some of the horrible driving practices used by some in the general public.

So please, I am asking you NOT to take away from me, and over a million other travelers, this valuable information that we use as a tool everyday. Trying to get from point A to point B is hard enough even with the xm satalite instant traffic and weather information. Going back to the old way of listening to standard broadcasting would throw us back in time.

The subscribers to xm satalite and other satalite companies do so because the cost is well worth the results that we receive. Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and do not restrict these companies in their abilty to provide their valuable services.

Thank you,

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